

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v

RICKY ANTON WHIGAM,

Defendant.

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Case No. 11-CR-20338

HON. MARK A. GOLDSMITH

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION,**  
**ACCEPTING DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY AND**  
**TAKING THE RULE 11 PLEA AGREEMENT UNDER ADVISEMENT**

A plea hearing was conducted in this case before United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Hluchaniuk pursuant to the defendant's consent. Judge Hluchaniuk issued a report, recommending acceptance of defendant's guilty plea. Either party may serve and file written objections "[w]ithin fourteen days after being served with a copy" of the report and recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The district court will make a "de novo determination of those portions of the report...to which objection is made." *Id.* Where, as here, neither party objects to this report, the district court is not obligated to independently review the record. *Thomas v Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149-52 (1985). This Court has received the

report and finds its conclusions and Judge Hluchaniuk's recommendation to be reasonable.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that Judge Hluchaniuk's Report and Recommendation [DE #15] is ADOPTED.

It is further ORDERED that the defendant's guilty plea is ACCEPTED, and the Rule 11 Plea Agreement [DE #16] is TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

Dated: October 2, 2012  
Flint, Michigan

s/Mark A. Goldsmith  
MARK A. GOLDSMITH  
United States District Judge

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court's ECF System to their respective email or First Class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on October 2, 2012.

s/Deborah J. Goltz  
DEBORAH J. GOLTZ  
Case Manager